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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the final office action dated July 9, 2004, be extended for three months to and including January 9, 2005.

Enclosed is a check for \$1,020.00 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket Number 07072-133001.

Respectfully submitted,

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